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In re: Davies et al.

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For: *NEURODEGENERATIVE DISORDER RELATED GENE*

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please enter the following Preliminary Amendment before examining the present application. Attached hereto at page five is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The marked-up version of the changes is captioned "Version With Markings To Show Changes Made."

In the specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

At page one, below the title "NEURODEGENERATIVE DISORDER RELATED GENE," please insert -- This application claims priority from Great Britain Application No. 9905218.5 and PCT Application No. PCT/GB00/00860, filed March 9, 2000, both in English, the disclosure of which are incorporated by reference herein in their entirety.--

In the Claims:

Please amend Claims 4, 8, 12, 16-17, 20, 22, 26-27, 30-31, 41, and 43-44 as follows.

(a) 4. (Amended) Use of a polynucleotide fragment according to claim 1 wherein the degenerative disorder is a degenerative disorder of the central nervous system.

(b) 8. (Amended) Use of a polynucleotide fragment according to claim 6 wherein the neurodegenerative disorder is selected from the group comprising Parkinson's Disease, Huntington's Disease/Chorea, Dementia with Lewy bodies, Multiple-system atrophy,